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More bank robbery charges filed against St. Louis Park man

Four new armed bank robbery charges were filed this week against a 26-year-old St. Louis Park man who remains in custody in connection with a March 28 bank robbery.

A federal grand jury issued a superseding indictment May 6 against Suresh Harlan Small charging him with a total of five armed bank robberies. His original indictment, filed on April 8, alleges that on March 28 Small did by force, violence and intimidation take an undisclosed amount of money from the TCF Bank in St. Anthony.

The indictment alleges four new charges. It alleges that Small did by force, violence and intimidation take an undisclosed amount of money from the Twin City Federal Savings and Loan in St. Anthony on both Nov. 2, 2007, and Jan. 11, 2008.

The indictment also alleges that Small did by force, violence and intimidation take an undisclosed amount of money from the Twin City Federal Savings and Loan in St. Louis Park on both Feb. 1 and March 13.

According to an FBI affidavit filed in connection with the March 28 robbery, Small lead police on a high-speed chase before being shot by police after he allegedly brandished a handgun at police.

If convicted, Small faces a potential maximum penalty of 25 years in prison on each bank robbery count. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the FBI, the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office and the police departments of Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, Plymouth, St. Anthony and St. Louis Park. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Richard Newberry.

An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by the defendant. The defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.